

SOUTH A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY – October 28th, 2014

I. Call to Order

The South A Municipal Advisory Committee (South A MAC) was called to order at **6:32 p.m.** on **October 28th, 2014** at the Deerwood Bonita Lakes Park, 14445 SW 122nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33186. Chairperson Wilbur Bell led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

The following South A Municipal Advisory Committee Members were **present**:

- Wilbur Bell – Committee Chairperson
- Edward Bullard
- Kathy Charles – Committee Secretary
- JL Demps, Jr.
- Juana Murillo
- Lubby Navarro – Committee Vice Chair

The following South A Municipal Advisory Committee Member was **not present**:

- Dan Millott

The following Miami-Dade County MAC Support Staff was present:

- Gigi Bolt, Office of Management and Budget

III. Approval of the Agenda

Committee Secretary Kathy Charles moved to **approve** the October 28th, 2014 South A MAC Agenda and Committee Member Juana Murillo seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Public Comment

Chairperson Bell opened the floor for Public Comment and those who wished to speak were asked to provide their name and address for the record. Several members of the audience addressed the Committee and raised various issues and concerns. The comments provided by the public covered the following areas:

- *Concerns regarding how the boundaries are drawn and not leaving areas out of the process.*
- *Requests on getting more information out using media or direct contact to the public and residents of the area on incorporation.*
- *Offers by residents to get and share information with others using their resources.*
- *Request for more information from the Property Appraiser Office or presentation from that Office on the taxable value for the area.*
- *Concerns raised on the perception of the area as being treated as a “stepchild” for services and an urging to the Committee to focus not only on budget but also on the quality of life benefits in determining feasibility of incorporation.*

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During the Public Comment period, Support Staff Ms. Gigi Bolt provided information on how the MAC meetings are publicized and the more expansive notification that will occur on the public hearing portion of the process. She also encouraged individuals to provide contact info on the sign-in list so that they can receive regular email notifications. Ms. Bolt provided some history on the incorporation process and how the Board of County Commission approved the establishment of the MAC and Commissioner Moss's subsequent appointment of the Committee members. She also advised that the Committee Minutes are on the County's website along with any information provided at the prior meetings.

V. Approval of the Minutes – September 23rd, 2014

Committee Secretary Charles moved to **approve** the September 23rd, 2014 South A MAC Meeting Minutes and Committee Member Murillo seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Staff Presentation

Miami-Dade Police Department

Captain Darin Rock and Lt. Suzanne Lauton, Miami-Dade County Police Department, provided an extensive PowerPoint presentation for the Members and the residents present outlining the current Miami-Dade Police Department services and how these services would be provided for if the area were incorporated. Captain Rock described the staffing level being offered currently to the three municipalities (Miami Lakes, Palmetto Bay and Cutler Bay) that have contracted for Police Services with Miami-Dade County. He outlined the local patrol, ancillary, support and specialized services that are covered by the contractual agreement. Captain Rock indicated that the Hammocks District encompasses the majority of the proposed incorporated area and as a reference received 100,894 calls for service - of which 66,865 calls were received by that District from this proposed area. Both Captain Rock and Lt. Lauton described the personnel allocation methodology that was used to help determine police staffing levels for the area - noting that the Hammocks District was being used as a point of reference. Based on this analysis, they indicated that minimum Sworn personnel required for the proposed area would be 180 and minimum Non-sworn would be 18 persons with a Projected Budget of \$28,099,206. Department Staff also provided an overview of an enhanced staffing level option - to include crime suppression team and neighborhood resource units - that would provide 192 Sworn and 18 Non-sworn personnel with a Projected Budget of \$29,859,334. Capt. Rock indicated that an incorporated City must maintain Miami-Dade Police service for three years and are required to pay for the specialized services outlined in the Code in perpetuity.

Discussion was conducted and several questions/issues were then raised regarding the presentation:

- *Request for information on the nature of the police calls, response time and crime statistics for the proposed area.*
- *An inquiry on comparison of the approach on Police Services taken by similar sized Cities to the potential incorporated area.*
- *Inquiries on extracting the exact cost of current Police Service received for the proposed area.*
- *Discussion on some of the enhanced police services that the residents see as critical to the community.*
- *Discussion on how a City Police Department would be staffed at varying levels and considerations on the diversity of the population that is served.*

Captain Rock and Lt. Lauton address some of the challenges that exist on arrive at the exact current Police Budget for the area given how that the area touch on three District and the police department expenditures are spread over a large region with overlapping assets. They reviewed the methodology used for staffing once again that then drove the budget projection they provided at the minimum and enhanced levels. Department Staff indicated that they could provide statistical information requested by the Members. Captain Rock and Lt.

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Lauton assured residents and MAC members that the Miami-Dade Police Department provides quality police services, as is their record, and are ready to continue to provide such quality services if the area is incorporated.

Members and residents expressed appreciation to Staff for the Department presentation and the information provided.

New Business

Ms. Bolt advised members that Staff will be scheduling a presentation with Water and Sewer as the next tentative department on the Work Plan. She also indicated that they will look at bringing those departments back that require additional follow-up information before moving into the MAC budget evaluation process.

VII. Next Meeting Date - TBD

Ms. Bolt advised of the various options for upcoming MAC meeting schedule given the end of year holidays. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Committee Members was to hold one meeting between the Thanksgiving and December Holiday Season. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. with the location to be determined.

VIII. Adjournment

Committee Member Demps Jr. moved to **adjourn** the meeting and Committee Secretary Charles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **8:10 pm**.